TAKE CARE!
SORRY, I REALLY NEED TO TAKE HER HOME
GET A GRIP!

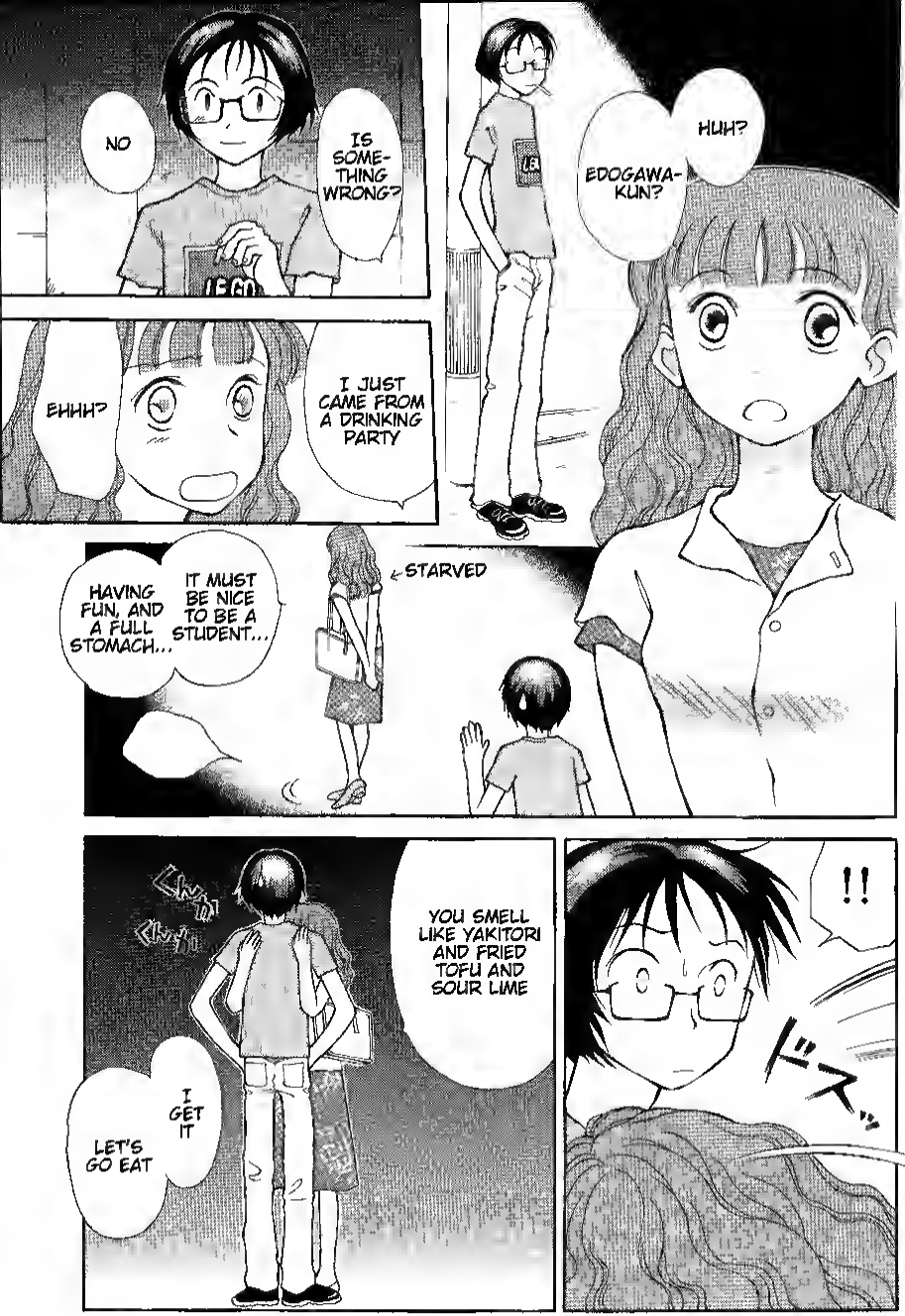
OOMAEDA-DOG LOOKED LIKE HE WAS FULL OF HAPPINESS FROM FINALLY BEING ALONE WITH HER
HE SURE SEEMS HAPPY

WHEN I SAW MY FRIEND'S HAPPINESS
AT THE END OF THE DRINKING PARTY

I'M GOING HOME
AH SORRY
EGO

WHO'S UP FOR ROUND 2?!
OKAY, THIS IS WINDING DOWN, BUT
HOW ABOUT IT, EDOGAWA?
I'M GOING

第5話
FAIL IN AN ATTEMPTED LOVE
未確認の愛情
I KINDA WANTED TO SEE MY OWN "HAPPINESS"
I WONDER IF MAHO-CHIN IS DONE WITH HER CLASS YET


HUH?
EDOGAWA-KUN?
NO
IS SOME-THING WRONG?
I JUST CAME FROM A DRINKING PARTY
EHHH?
STARVED
IT MUST BE NICE TO BE A STUDENT...
HAVING FUN, AND A FULL STOMACH...
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YOU SMELL LIKE YAKITORI AND FRIED TOFU AND SOUR LIME
I GET IT
LET'S GO EAT

HMM, OKAY
SURE!
THANKS FOR THE MEAL
WANT DESERT ?
CAN I?
ARIMOTO-SAN
MAHO-SENSEI
ARIMOTO TOMOKO-SAN
THIS IS MY STUDENT
EVEN THOUGH I JUST SAW YOU
GOOD EVENING

HI THERE
I'M EDO-GAWA
HELLO
IS THIS YOUR BOY-FRIEND?
YEP
AT THAT TIME
I GOT SOME KIND OF A BAD FEELING
I'M SURE
ARIMOTO-SAN IS A HAIR-DRESSER
I LET HER CUT MY HAIR
YOU KNOW, THE PLACE BY THE STATION?
SHE'S BUSY AND CAN ONLY COME TO CLASS WHEN SHE GETS A BREAK FROM WORK
BUT SHE'S KEEPING UP WITH WORK AND SCHOOL
UM
EXCUSE ME
COULD YOU NOT SMOKE?

OH...
SURE
PHILIP MORRIS
GOOD NIGHT
BYE, ARIMOTO-SAN
WALK HER TO THE STATION, EDOGAWA-KUN

WE..
HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT
LEGO
EDO-GAWA-SAN
YES?
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
I'M 20
SO YOU'RE A 2ND YEAR IN SCHOOL?
..YES
SO YOU'LL START JOB SEARCHING SOON...
OH, OR DO YOU HAVE ANY GOALS FOR THE FUTURE?
NO
SORRY TO SAY
I SEE
COULD IT BE
YOU THINK IT'S FINE TO JUST KEEP LEECHING OFF MAHO-SENSEI?

I HAVE
A LOT OF THINGS I WANT TO SAY TO YOU
WILL YOU COME WITH ME?
I JUST DECIDED TO NEVER SMOKE IN FRONT OF MAHO-SENSEI
HEY!!
NOW YOU'RE SMOKING!!
YEAH
I NEVER SAID I DIDN'T SMOKE
I'LL TELL YOU RIGHT NOW

IF MAHO-SENSEI HAPPENS TO DIE FROM LUNG CANCER
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE, I WILL HUNT YOU DOWN
AND KILL YOU
HEY
HOW WAS IT LAST NIGHT?
PRETTY AVERAGE
EDO-GAWA
CURRY RICE

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ONCE YOU GO TO ONE DRINKING PARTY, THEY'RE NOT SPECIAL ANYMORE
OH, IT'S OOMAEDA
SEEMS HE HAD GOOD LUCK LAST NIGHT
I'M JEALOUS...
WHAT AN EASY TO UNDER-STAND GUY
ぶっむ!
HE SEEMS TO BE HAVING A CRAZY STRONG REACTION
LET IT GO
HOW NICE, OOMAEDA
YOU'RE A DOG FOR SURE, BUT
AT LEAST YOU'RE A MALE DOG

SHUT UP! DON'T CALL ME A DOG!
Mosquito
"THAT'S RIGHT. I LIKE MAHO-SENSEI. GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?"
I'M MOVING TO A DIFFERENT SALON
MY BOSS IS GOING TO START HIS OWN BUSINESS, AND INVITED ME TO JOIN HIM
SEE? THAT'S HOW GOOD I AM

I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT THIS MUCH
BUT I CAN'T TELL HER HOW I FEEL
I'M PREPARED TO PROVIDE FOR HER
IF MAHO-SENSEI EVER SAID SHE WANTED TO QUIT TEACHING
I'LL GET MY OWN SALON SOMEDAY
AND I'M SURE I'LL BE SUCCESSFUL
GOING TO SCHOOL ON YOUR PARENTS' MONEY
NOT THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE AT ALL
YOU HAVE IT GOOD
SENSEI CAN LOVE YOU!
AND JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A MAN
CASTER
CASTER
SUPER MILD

IF I CHANGE SALONS AND MOVE, I'LL HAVE TO QUIT SCHOOL, TOO
AND WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE SENSEI OR TOUCH HER HAIR ANYMORE
I
SENSEI'S HAIR
SO SOFT AND FLUFFY
WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
I LOVED HER
I FELT IT A LITTLE BIT THAT TIME WHEN I TRIED TO SMOKE EARLIER
WHEN SHE'S MAHO'S STUDENT
HER WILL IS STRONG ENOUGH TO NOT SMOKE

MAHO-SENSEI
ARIMOTO-SAN
THANKS FOR YESTERDAY
DID EDOGAWA-KUN TAKE YOU TO THE STATION?
YES
PLEASE APOLOGIZE TO HIM FOR ME
SENSEI
"I LOVE MAHO-SENSEI"
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YESTERDAY, HE JUST KEPT GOING ON AND ON ABOUT YOU
AND I THINK I HURT HIS FEELINGS
OH NO!
WHAT DID HE SAY?!
REALLY?!
REALLY
WHAT?
.....
SENSEI
I'M QUITTING SCHOOL
"WELCOME"
"IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME HERE?"
"PLEASE COME THIS WAY"
"YOU'RE ARIMOTO TOMOKO-SAN, RIGHT?"
"ERR, YEAH"

AND WHEN I'D FINALLY BECOME A HAIR-DRESSER
I FELT LIKE SOMETHING WAS MISSING, SO I STARTED GOING TO NIGHT SCHOOL
AND WORKED HARD THE WHOLE TIME
I QUIT HIGH SCHOOL HALF-WAY TO GO TO A SCHOOL FOR HAIRDRESSERS
"GOOD EVENING, I'M YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER, OOTSUKA MAHO"
SINCE THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY, I WASN'T ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL ONCE, THOUGH
BUT EVEN FOR ME
SHE CARED ENOUGH TO COME
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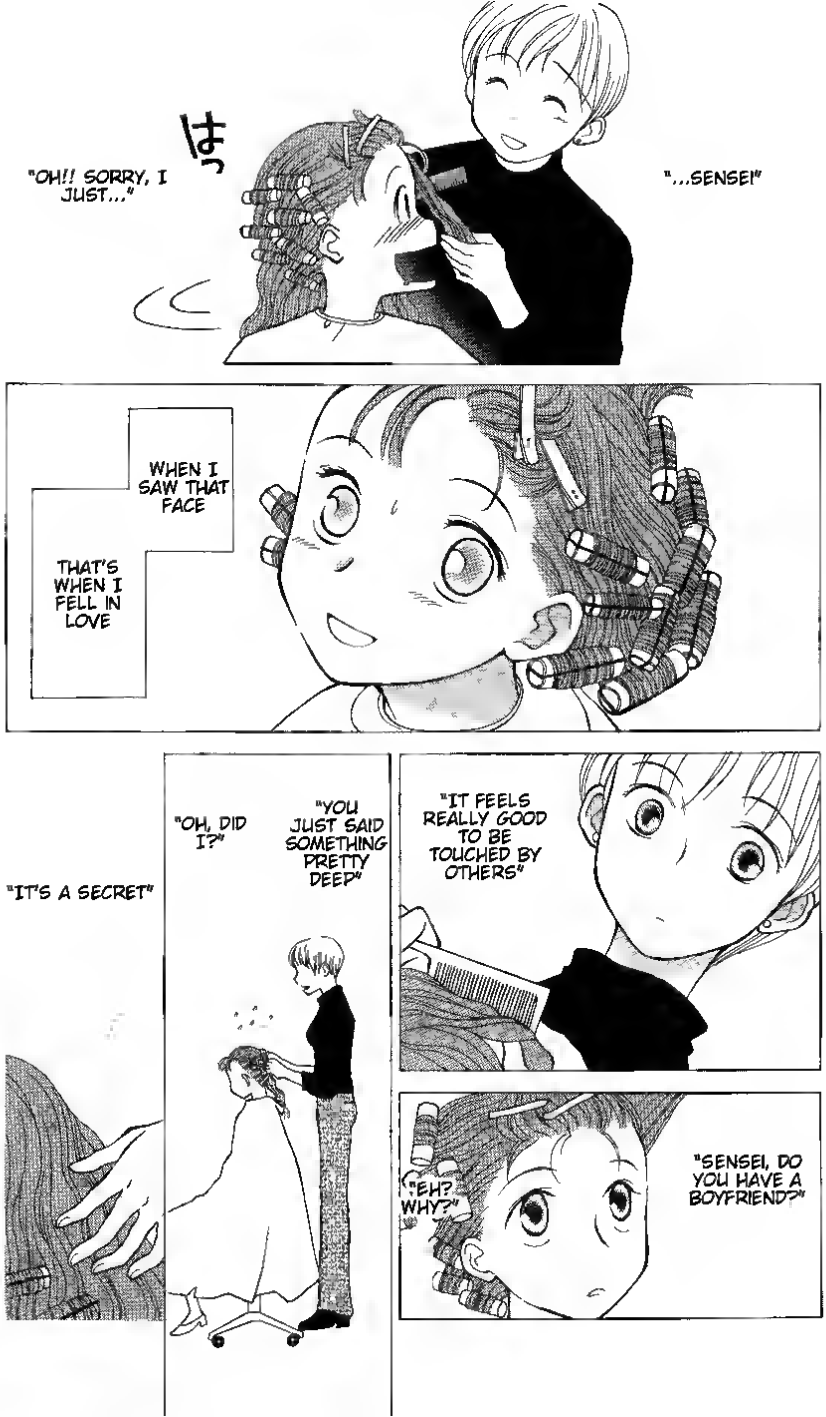
"OH!! SORRY, I JUST..."
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"...SENSEI"
WHEN I SAW THAT FACE
THAT'S WHEN I FELL IN LOVE
"IT FEELS REALLY GOOD TO BE TOUCHED BY OTHERS"
"SENSEI, DO YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND?"
"EH? WHY?"
"YOU JUST SAID SOMETHING PRETTY DEEP"
"OH, DID I?"
"IT'S A SECRET"

IT WAS OVER 15 SECONDS LATER
"I HAVE ONE, HE'S 5 YEARS YOUNGER THAN I AM AND MY FORMER STUDENT"
I WANTED TO BULLY HIM A LITTLE
YOU GET IT, RIGHT?
I'LL GIVE YOU A HUGE DISCOUNT
SO PLEASE COME, SENSEI
.....
IF I GET MY OWN SALON SOMEDAY
WHEN I SAW HIS SMILE

WANT SECONDS, EDOGAWA-KUN?
NAH, I'M FULL
IT WAS GREAT, THOUGH
IT'S NOTHING
JUST THANKS FOR LAST TIME
OH
HM?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M GOING OUT TO SMOKE
HE USUALLY JUST SMOKES HERE...

NOPE
NOT A BIT
HAVEN'T PLANNED ANYTHING FOR THE FUTURE
FOR SURE
WELL, I'D BE FIRST
IF MAHO-SENSEI EVER GETS LUNG CANCER...
WORK, RESPONSI-BILITIES, OR COMMITMENTS
I'M JUST 20 YEARS OLD
I'M JUST LIVING WITHOUT A CLUE
THINKING OF THOSE, OR OF CONFIRMING MY LOVE FOR HER
I'M STILL NOT
DONE SMOK-ING?

HUH?
OH, YEAH
CASTER
IS THAT A DIFFERENT BRAND?
MM..
WHY? DID SOMETHING CHANGE?
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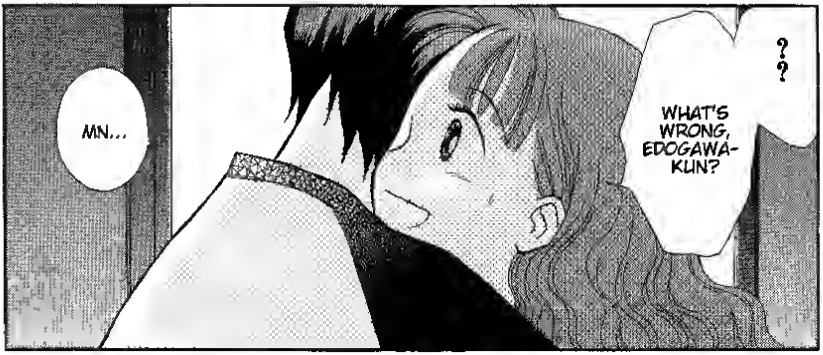
?
THAT PERSON IS SO MUCH BETTER THAN I AM...
THIS IS THE BRAND THE PERSON WHO LOVES YOU SMOKES


MN...
WHAT'S WRONG, EDOGAWA-KUN?
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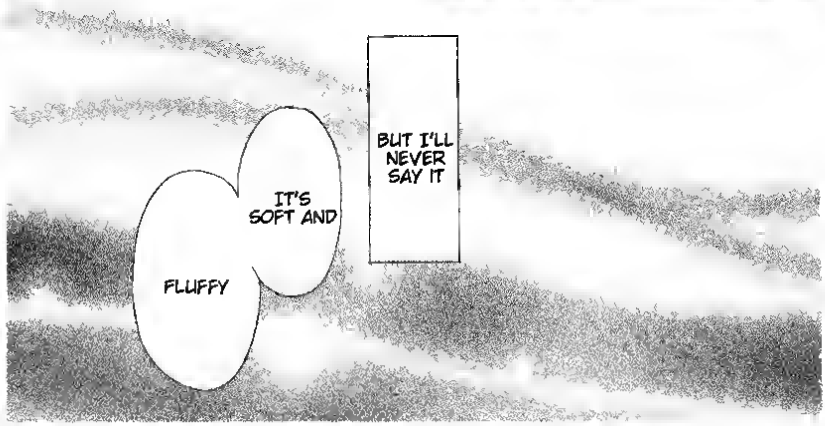
WHAT?
IT'S TRUE


FLUFFY
IT'S SOFT AND
BUT I'LL NEVER SAY IT

THE END

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